



MINUTES

Parks Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2010
6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mike Sawa, Dick Dietrich, Tom Bridges, Karen Bair

Also Present: Evan Springer, Assistant City Attorney Jay Isenberg, Jeff Madsen, Tim Schrader

Mike Sawa called the Wednesday, March 10, 2010, Park Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes:

Sawa stated that meeting minutes from February would stand as presented, unless there were any corrections needed. No corrections noted. Sawa stated that the minutes would stand as presented.

II. Attorney Reports:

Isenberg stated he had several Summer Concert Series final contracts ready to approve. Dietrich moved to accept the Summer Concert Series final contracts for the bands Guys That Rock, Michael Stricklin and Superfunk, Bair seconded.

Vote: Ayes

Isenberg presented the Final Contract for Gordon Pipers to perform in the Parade at the 2010 Freedom Festival. Dietrich moved to approve the final contract for Gordon Pipers to perform in the 2010 Freedom Festival, Bridges seconded.

Vote: Ayes

Isenberg also presented the final contract for Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for engineering services related to Phase IV of Tracy Trail. Bridges moved to accept the final contract for Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. for engineering services related to Phase IV of Tracy Trail, Dietrich seconded.

Vote: Ayes

Isenberg also stated that Greenwood Boat and RV Storage, LLC is offering to sell part of their property located on Main Street across from Howard Road, to the Parks Department. The Park Board asked Isenberg to check on a price. Discussion followed.

Isenberg said that he spoke with John Reames with the Sertoma Club and he asked if there was anything else they needed to do for the WAMMfest. Dietrich stated that the Park Board has already approved the WAMMfest subject to the Greenwood Common Council's approval. Dietrich stated that the Sertoma Club will need to go before the Greenwood Common Council for their approval. Schrader stated that the Sertoma Club would like for the WAMMfest to stay open one hour later. Dietrich stated that he thought The Sertoma Club should get approval from the Greenwood Common Council first. Discussion followed.

III. Barbara Edwards Request to Address Board:

Barbara Edwards, a Greenwood Resident, asked the Park Board to allow younger children upstairs in the work out areas at the Community Center. Ms. Edwards gave a presentation on the benefits of allowing younger children upstairs in the workout areas. The Park Board explained that the Community Center did have a policy for teenagers age 15 and up to be able to work out but felt that having younger children upstairs unsupervised was not a good idea, although the Park Board did suggest the Recreation Department to look into fitness classes or such for younger children. Discussion followed.

IV. Tracy Trail Smith Valley Road Pedestrian Bridge:

Springer gave an update on the construction on the Tracy Trail Smith Valley Road Pedestrian Bridge. Springer stated there have been several preconstruction meetings with the utilities and contractors. The utilities are now in the process of being relocated. The Parks department did have to cover the cost of removing a tree due to it not being in the original contract. Calumet has started construction for the Pedestrian Bridge on the North side of Smith Valley Road.

A. Tracy Trail

Schrader stated United Natural Foods has donated \$2,000.00 for Landscaping along Tracy Trail. Discussion followed.

Madsen stated that a group from Rod & Staff which has members from several different churches approached the Parks & Recreation Department about putting on a 5K race and using a segment of Tracy Trail. The race will be on National Trails Day, June 5, 2010 which is also our Ribbon Cutting. Discussion followed.

V. Freedom Park Status:

Springer stated that the Park Board has received estimates for a potential restroom at Freedom Park and have also started planning for bid preparation. Springer stated he has a meeting with Mrs. Bright next week to try to get an easement for the force sewer main and the electrical service to pass through their property to get to the Park property. Discussion followed.

Taggart presented the proposal for an implementation plan for the pond edge at Freedom Park. Discussion followed. Bridges moved to approve the proposal for an implementation plan for the pond edge at Freedom Park from Synthesis Architectural Design as long as Franklin College does the actual implementation, Dietrich seconded.

Vote: 2 Ayes, 2 Nays Motion did not approve.

VI. TE Grant Project:

Springer stated the contract has been signed with BF&S to start the planning and engineering work for the Phase IV of the Tracy Trail and time is of the essence. The TE Grant Project has to go to bid by October. Discussion followed.

VII. Other Business from the Park Board:

Dietrich moved to not open the City Pool in the year 2012, Bridges seconded. Dietrich expressed his concern regarding safety issues at the pool. Bridges wanted to let the community know that the pool may have to close in the next few years. Sawa stated that his concern was that the City of Greenwood only has one pool and some people who live with in the city can not afford to go elsewhere. Bair agreed with Sawa and thinks there are other answers outside of closing the pool that needs to be researched. Discussion followed.

Vote: 2 Ayes, 2 Nays Motion did not approve.

VIII. Recreation Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Recreation Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached). Madsen stated the Easter Egg Hunt is on March 27, 2010. Madsen commended Debby Fey on a great job in planning the Easter Egg Hunt.

Madsen said the Library is interested in doing movies again in Old City Park. The library also offered the use of their screen if we would like to sponsor a movie in a park. Discussion followed. The Park Board thought it was a great idea.

Madsen stated the people (Rod & Staff) who are putting on the 5K road race on June 5, 2010 would also like to have a movie in the park. Discussion followed. The Park Board asked Isenberg to research the ordinance regarding how late the movie can happen and if they will need any permits or if they need permission to go after 11:00 when the park actually closes.

Madsen said he has been approached by a few churches who would like to use the Amphitheater on September 4, 2010 for a church band day. Discussion followed. The Park Board said they will need to pay the rental fee.

IX. Community Center Report:

Lanham had submitted the written Community Center Attendance and Membership report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached).

X. Parks Report:

Schrader had submitted the written Park Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached.). Schrader stated that he was approached by Color Café, a local business, who agreed to sponsor our tree give away on Arbor Day.

XI. Pool Report:

Madsen had submitted the written Pool Report to the Board prior to the meeting. (See attached). Madsen asked the Park Board if we wanted to maintain the regular scheduled hours at the pool or to close the pool for the season when school starts. Bridges suggested we have the option to close the pool when school starts and if weather permitting and attendance is up then have the option to keep it open until Labor Day. Bridges urged the Park Staff to come up with creative ideas to make more money at the pool such as having all pool passes, resident and non-resident, the same price. Discussion followed. Bridges moved to close the pool for the season when school starts with the option of the pool remaining open until Labor Day after review of attendance and weather, Bair seconded.

Vote: Ayes

XII. Financial Report:

Springer had submitted the written Financial Report to the Board prior to the meeting (See attached).

XIII. Signing of the Claim Sheet:

Sawa stated that the Claim sheets would stand as presented, unless there were corrections needed. No corrections noted. Claim Sheets will stand as presented.

XIV. Sawa Adjourned the Meeting at 7:40pm.

President

Secretary

Recording Secretary